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FOR WORTZEL FROM ANDREWS AND EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH CNO ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY MCGIFFERT AND OTHER DOD OFFICIALS,
AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER HAS AGREED TO NAVY'S REQUEST TO CON-
DUCT FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN THE ADRIATIC FROM THE CARRIER
NIMITZ. THE AMBASSADOR INSISTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE FOL-
LOWING CONDITIONS BE STRICTLY OBSERVED:

-- FLIGHT OPERATIONS MAY BE CONDUCTED ON THE OUTBOUND LEG
OF THE TRIP ONLY (I.E., AFTER THE PORT CALL AT VENICE
PROBABLY ON MARCH 24);

-- THEY MUST TAKE PLACE ENTIRELY WITHIN THE ITALIAN FIR;

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-- THE NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE MUST BE FOLLOWED.

THE AMBASSADOR ALSO FAVORS INVITING THE YUGOSLAVS TO
OBSERVE OR TO PRACTICE RADAR EXERCISES IN CONNECTION WITH
THESE FLIGHT OPERATIONS, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOT LIKELY
TO ACCEPT. NOTIFICATION AND INVITATION SHOULD BE GIVEN
ABOUT ONE WEEK PRIOR TO PLANNED OPERATIONS. THIS IS BEING

PROVIDED FOR YOUR INFO ONLY AT THIS TIME. WHEN IT IS FULLY

CLEARED WITH DOD WE WILL LET YOU KNOW.

2. PLEASE CALL BERNARDIC AND CONVEY TO HIM MY PERSONAL APOLOGY FOR THE WAY MINIC DEMARCHE WAS HANDLED. WHILE I BELIEVE IT PROPER THAT AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG BE BRIEFED I CERTAINLY DID NOT EXPECT THAT ANY ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN IN BELGRADE UNTIL THE YUGOSLAV VIEWS HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON. CHRISTOPHER

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